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To whom it may concern,

As a Farmington, NM, resident, I have been following stories on the spillage that is destroying the Animas River and I find it totally absurd that any true scientist would make a statement such as the quote from EPA toxicologist, Deborah McKean (see attached) that the sludge moved so quickly that it would not have caused "significant health effects" to animals that consumed the water. This is an unbelievable statement! The sheer volume of this water, the time that it is continuing to pour into the Animas, the toxicity of heavy metals which are being continually deposited in to the river make me wonder about the ability of this toxicologist to properly do her job. How much arsenic, lead, and other unknowns at this time does it take to be considered dangerous. Also how long will these precipitate linger in the river beds?

I hope that the EPA is taking this more seriously than this one "scientist" and starts taking action before the Animas, the San Juan, the Colorado, and Lake Powell turn into the Love Canal of the Southwest!

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